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The following is a Q-S-T. Ham radio aids residents and firefighters as the giant Willow fire ravages parts of Arizona and New Mexico; a new ham radio emergency group emerges on Facebook, New York State enacts anti pirate radio law, ham radio does have a presence on the FCC's Technology Advisory Council after all and the ARRL holds a Riley good national convention in Plano, Texas. Find out what we mean on Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) report number 1767 coming your way right now.

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RESCUE RADIO: HAM RADIO ASSISTANCE IN THE GIANT WILLOW WILDFIRE

The Willow fire, roaring through eastern Arizona since May 29th, burned across the state line into New Mexico last week. Norm Seeley, KI7UP, is in Scottsdale, Arizona, with what we know about ham radios contribution to the rescue and relief efforts:

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According to a June 19th news release from Charlie Christmann, K5CEC, who is an ARRL Public Information Officer in New Mexico, evacuation orders for the town of Luna were put into effect as the fire threatened homes there. He notes that amateur radio operators are near the fire lines are providing updates to the State Emergency Operations Center via the MegaLink repeater system. MegaLink is a wide coverage intertied network of 21 repeaters owned and maintained by Paul Choc, WA5IHL.

Christmann says that the New Mexico command center is in the town of Reserve. That's about 20 miles southeast of Luna. He notes that Larry Bliemeyer, KE5VGM, the Communications Leader from Dona Ana County, Michael Scales K5SCA, his counterpart from Sandoval County and Jeff Crum, KB5SFV, who is a New Mexico Department of Homeland Security Emergency Manager are providing updates from the fire. Don Scott, N5UJT, another Department of Homeland Security Emergency Manager, is in the Santa Fe State Emergency Operations Center helping to coordinating state resources.

Other hams are monitoring the fire information in case additional assistance is needed. These include David Thomas, KF5HSY in Sandoval County; Gary Surad, K5BIQ, in Bernalillo County, and Brad Sacca, KC5SKE, in Dona Ana County. They are backed up by numerous other radio amateurs across New Mexico who are reportedly available should additional evacuations be ordered or more communications resources be

needed.

Meantime, from Tucson, Arizona, Keith Woody, WA1B, reports via QRZ.com that the fire in his area has been burning for the better part of two weeks. According to his posting there are hams monitoring the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society or EAARS system nearly 24 hours a day. Messages have been passed in and out of the affected area and will likely continue for the next few weeks.

According to Woody, reports of the fire jumping roads and power outages as well as health and welfare messages have and are being passed. He notes that at the time of his posting that there were at least 3 active hams within three miles of the active fire line.

WA1B says that the command center has message forms and all contact information for radio amateurs who are available but that hams are being treated just like other folks when it comes to evacuation notices.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Norm Seeley, KI7UP, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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With 20 to 30 mph sustained winds, gusts of 40 to 50 mph, and relative humidity in the single digits, the half-million acre fire easily jumps its containment lines. And even though some percentage of it has been contained, nobody can say for certain how big it will grow before it finally is brought under control. More on this story in future Amateur Radio Newsline reports. (K5CEC, WA1B via QRZ.com, published news reports)

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RESCUE RADIO: NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES DX GROUP ON FACEBOOK

A new amateur radio group has been formed for hams who are also members of one of the various emergency services. Based in the United Kingdom, the group will initially be coordinated via the Facebook social networking site with membership open to retired or serving members of any of the emergency services. The group is free to join. Simply search for Emergency Services Amateur Radio DX Group on Facebook and sign up, or contact GM0GMN directly at his callbook address. (Southgate)

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RADIO LAW FOLLOW-UP: AMATEUR RADIO REPRESENTED ON REESTABLISHED FCC TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

A follow-up to last week's story about the re-establishment of the FCC's Technology Advisory Council for a two-year period. At that time we said we were not aware of any individual or group directly representing the interests of amateur radio that has been invited to serve on the panel. This, even though the recommendations it makes could eventually impact on the spectrum utilized by radio amateurs.

Well thanks to a note from ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, we are happy to report that not only does the ARRL have a representative serving on the council, but that Greg Lapin, N9GL, is there now representing the League as he has for many years.

For those who may have missed last weeks report, the FCC's Technology Advisory Council is made up of various technical experts that help give the commission knowledge it needs to identify areas of innovation and develop policies to keep America competitive.

A complete list of those serving on the council can be found at tinyurl.com/3kl4qbc. Our thanks to K1ZZ for the list and for the information update. (K1ZZ)

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RADIO LAW: NEW YORK STATE PASSES ANTI PIRATE RADIO LAW

The New York State legislature has passed a bill adding potential jail time to the possible penalties if someone is convicted of operating an illegal radio station. This as the legislation makes it a Class A misdemeanor to operate an unlicensed radio station in the AM and FM band anywhere in that state.

According to the text, the measure creates the crime of unauthorized radio transmission on either the AM or FM broadcast band. It also prohibits knowingly making a radio transmission on radio frequencies assigned and licensed by the Federal Communications Commission for use by AM and FM radio stations.

The measure is similar to laws in Florida and New Jersey, giving local authorities some say over what previously had been a federally preempted area of jurisdiction. While pirate radio stations have over the years been established just about anywhere, Florida, New Jersey and New York are among the states where the problem tends to be more acute.

If signed into law by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the new measure would take effect in 180 days. Personal two-way radio use would not be impacted by this new, New York State, anti pirate radio law. (Adapted from RW)

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HAM RADIO NEW SPACE: ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR NEW HAMSAT

Students at Istanbul Technical University in Turkey are working on a CubeSat ham radio satellite that will host a linear transponder for SSB and CW amateur radio communications.

Dubbed TURKSAT-3USAT the bird will carry a 50 kHz bandwidth 2 meter to 70 centimeter linear transponder, a beacon and telemetry downlink. Planners hope to launch this new bird into a Sun Synchronous orbit of around 680 kilometers sometime in early 2012.

This will be the Istanbul Technical University's first ever communication satellite. More on the project is in cyberspace at tinyurl.com/6hyxh7h. We will have more ham radio space related news later on in this weeks Amateur Radio Newsline report. (Southgate)

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BREAK 1

>From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the TRW Amateur Radio Club net Redondo Beach California.

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RESCUE RADIO: METEOROLOGIST JAMES SPANN W04W CALLS FOR OVERHAUL OF NWS TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM

Veteran meteorologist James Spann, WO4W, is calling for an overhaul of the National Weather Service tornado warning system and a new commitment to broadcasters weather coverage across local regions. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, is in the Newsroom with more:

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In a recent post on Birmingham, Alabama's ABC 33/40 weather blog, James Spann, WO4W, writes that tornado sirens, which have an 80 to 90 percent false alarm ratio, are outdated and overused. He says that getting these kinds of warnings over and over and over again creates an ocean of people that won't be paying attention when a real tornado emergency is in progress. He calls this a cry wolf syndrome that is very dangerous.

Spann also says local broadcast stations must commit to bringing audiences information valuable to their safety. He says that when there is a genuine tornado emergency, TV stations must have the guts to cut into regular programming and go with wall to wall weather coverage. He says that he was appalled to see a TV station in a top ten market opting to air the season finale with `Dancing With The Stars' when a tornado warning was up for the two major counties in the metro area this past spring.

James Spann has been reporting the weather for the Birmingham ABC affiliate, which is in the heart of "Tornado Alley," since 1996. He is among the first television weather anchors to earn a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist status from the American Meteorological Society and is also one of the creators of Weatherbrains.com website which bills itself as the official netcast for people who love the weather.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in the Newsroom in Los Angeles. Don.

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James Spann is also the owner of the WO4W repeater atop Shades Mountain, Alabama, that serves the ham radio community in the greater Birmingham area. The complete article is on-line at http://tinyurl.com/5tt7hkm. One of James Spann's postings on this subject is at http://www.jamesspann.com/bmachine/post/wxtalk/3991/Scrap-Tornado-Sirens. Also see http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2011/06/james_spann_blasts_number_of_f.html for an in-depth look at this situation. (Adapted from TV Spy)

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RESCUE RADIO: TOWER REPAIR MOVES WICHITA COUNTY TX. SKYWARN FREQUENCY

Wichita County, Texas, SKYWARN spotters are being asked to use a new frequency for a temporary period. Severe weather spotters using ham radio in and around Wichita Falls have normally usually used a repeater on 146.94 MHz however they are being asked to change to 147.140 until further notice.

Wichita County SKYWARN spokesperson Charlie Byers, KC5PHQ, told Texoma's Homepage.com news service that the change is expected to last until the tower on which the relay system can be repaired. Byers added that once the tower is repaired and the frequency assignment will return to normal.

Initially the repair was not expected to take this long. However weather conditions in the area including high winds have caused delays as workers are not able to climb the tower. (Homepage.com)

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ENFORCEMENT: ADMITTED UNLICENSED FLORIDA BROADCASTER DINGED $15000 BY FCC

The FCC has slapped Fritzner Lindor of Orange Park, Florida with a $15,000 Notice of Apparent Liability for Monetary Forfeiture. This for what the FCC says was Lindor's apparent, willful and repeated violation of section 301 of the Communications Act of by operating an unlicensed radio transmitter on the frequency 94.7 MHz. Amateur Radio Newsline's Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, has more:

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In its May 16th release on the case, the FCC says that on June 8th and 9th, 2010, agents from the Enforcement Bureau's Tampa Office used direction-finding techniques to locate the source of radio frequency transmissions on the frequency 94.7 MHz to Lindor's Orange Park, Florida, residence. The agents observed an antenna mounted to a tree in Lindor's yard and traced a coaxial cable from the antenna into his home. On both days the agents determined that the signals being broadcast exceeded the limits for operation under Part 15 of the Commission's rules and therefore required a license.

On June 10, 2010, agents inspected the unauthorized broadcast station in Lindor's residence while it was on the air. During the inspection, Lindor admitted to purchasing the transmitter and operating the station without a license. He also stated that he had been involved in broadcasting for about 19 years and knew that his actions violated the Communications Act.

Based on the evidence before it, the FCC has found that on three dates in 2010 that Fitzner Lindor apparently willfully and repeatedly violated section 301 of the Communications Ac. Also, that Lindor knew that his actions violated the Act, yet he still engaged in the conduct, thereby demonstrating a deliberate disregard for the Commission's requirements. As such, it concluded that Fitzner Lindor is apparently liable for a $15,000 forfeiture.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bruce Tennant. K6PZW, in Los Angeles.

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As is normal in these cases, Lindor was given the customary 30 days to pay the forfeiture or to file an appeal. (FCC)

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RADIO LAW: NEW BILL INTRODUCED TO CRIMINALIZE ILLEGAL STREAMING

Streaming copyright material may soon be against the law. Amateur Radio Newsline's Jim Davis, W2JKD, reports:

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A trio of Senators has introduced a measure that would make illegally streaming TV shows or movies a felony. The bi-partisan bill, designated as S. 978 was introduced by Senators Amy Klobuchar, John Cornyn and Christopher Coons. It came the same day that Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont re-introduced a bipartisan measure to give the government more tools to shut down Web sites that traffic in stolen intellectual property, including TV shows and movies.

It is already a felony to download or upload that content, so the bill would just extend that to streaming. This was a recommendation made by White House Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Espinel. Espinel pointed out that under existing law, it is unclear that streaming copyrighted work can be subject to a felony penalties because such penalties are predicated on the defendant either illegally reproducing or distributing the copyrighted work.

While, intuitively, streaming would seem to pretty clearly be distribution, there has been some legal question about that designation. This new law looks to clear up that point.

I'm Jim Davis, W2JKD.

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The Obama administration has made protection, security and privacy of online content a priority given its push for universal broadband as a critical infrastructure component of the country's future. (Multichannel News)

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RADIO LAW: TEXAS GOVERNOR VETOES TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN

Texas Governor Rick Perry has vetoed legislation that would have outlawed sending or reading text messages while driving. Lawmakers approved the texting ban last month, but Perry called it an "overreach" and "government effort to micromanage the behavior of adults."

Former House Speaker Tom Craddick had pushed the texting while driving ban He called it a public-safety measure. But the bill triggered more than a half-hour of debate on the House floor with opponents arguing the bill would amount to criminalizing drivers simply for receiving a text message while driving.

The Texas cities of San Antonio and El Paso already have laws forbidding texting while driving, and at least 30 other states have enacted similar statewide bans. (Texas.com)

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HELPING HAMS: HANDI HAM CAMP - AUGUST 8 To 13

Turning to the ham radio social calendar, this years Handi Ham Camp will take place August 8th through the 13th at Camp Courage in Minnesota. And as a special incentive, those who earn their Technician Class Amateur Radio licenses at camp will be presented with brand-new Wouxun dual-band handheld radios. This, thanks to the support of a generous donor.

If you are not a Handiham member and are interested in joining the group, and attending this years Handi Ham camp, a link to request a membership application is on-line. You will find it in cyberspace at handiham.org/node/729. (Handi Hams)

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PROMOTING HAM RADIO: HI DEF FIELD DAY VIDEO NEED

Also, if you are hearing this newscast prior to Field Day and if you own a high definition wide screen video camera, please be certain to record the festivities. This, for possible inclusion into one or more upcoming ARRL promotional and educational videos.

If you can shoot some video, please use a tripod and set your camera to record 16 by 9 wide screen at 1080i and 30 frames per second. If you get some good Field Day video please contact Allen Pitts at ARRL Headquarters by e-mail to w1agp at arrl dot org. He will get back to with instructions on how to get the video you shoot delivered to him. (ARRL, ARNewsline(tm))

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: N4HY IN NEW DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH ROLE

Some names in the news. First up is former AMSAT North America Vice President of Engineering Bob McGwier N4HY, who has landed the role of Director of Research for the Hume Center for National Security and Technology. McGwier is well known in amateur radio circles for his numerous contributions to the amateur radio space program. The complete text of N4HY's appointment to this new position is on-line tinyurl.com/mcgwier (AMSAT)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: FCC CHAIRMAN SAYS ITS TIME TO WIPE THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE OFF THE BOOKS

And according to a report in Broadcasting & Cable magazine, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski has told Congress he supports striking the so-called Fairness Doctrine and a couple of similar laws from the Code of Federal Regulations.

The issue came up after Commissioner Robert McDowell pointed that, although the FCC ruled in 1987 that the doctrine was unconstitutional and unenforceable, it remained in the Code of Federal Regulations. This essentially means that it was still there if a future commission decided to enforce it. McDowell suggested that it was time to take it off the books, and other legislators agree.

For those to young to remember, the Fairness Doctrine required broadcast stations to air controversial issues of public importance and seek out opposing viewpoints. Also still on the books are parallel laws to the Fairness Doctrine providing for free response time for personal attacks and providing equal time for other candidates if a station endorsed someone in an editorial. The laws were repealed by the FCC in 2000. Now, FCC Chairman Genachowski wants to see all of it off the books. (RW)

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BREAK 2

This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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WORLDBEAT: FRANCE BANS NEWSCASTS FROM PROMOTING FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

The French are at it again. In a move that will hinder news organizations ability to reach their audiences via social media, France

has banned the use of the words Twitter and Facebook from radio and TV newscasts. This, unless they are directly a part of a news story.

News reports out of Europe say that broadcasting news anchors and other on-air talent are now forbidden to refer to popular social networking sites and the micro-blogging phenomenon, unless it is pivotal and relevant to a news item. As such, French radio and television stations will no longer be able to ask their audiences to follow or friend them on these services during newscasts.

Ryan Murphy, is the Digital Media Editor for the Radio and Television News Directors Association. He is quoted as saying that this controversial move is the result of a 1992 French government decree. One that states commercial enterprises should not be promoted on news programs. (excerpted from London Daily Mail)

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WORLDBEAT: BIG CHANGES TO CB IN NEW ZEALAND

Some changes to the rules governing Citizens Band radio down-under. This with word from Zed-L-1-A-T-J that since June 2nd, New Zealand C-B operators can now use the Australian and United States style 27 MHz 40 Channel CB's as well as the New Zealand 26 MHz 40 Channel units.

Also, the New Zealand 476 to 477 MHz UHF Personal Radio Service that's known elsewhere as UHF CB has also just been updated. While existing 40 Channel 5 kHz deviation FM units are still ok to use, all future models will be 80 Channel units designed for a maximum of 2.5 kHz deviation. These new Personal Radio Service radios will have a total of 80 micro band audio deviation channels instead of the previous 40 narrowband FM ones. (ZL1TAJ)

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WORLDBEAT: DANMARKS RADIO TO SHIFT PROGRAMMING TO LONGWAVE

Danish public-service broadcaster Danmarks Radio is shifting some of its programming from medium wave to longwave by months end. On June 16, a new 50 kW transmitter on 243 kHz was activated at the site in Denmark's western province. It will simulcast programming on the longwave channel until June 27th when it will end its medium-wave broadcasts from the site on 1062 kHz. The existing medium-wave broadcasts use a 250 kW transmitter. Previously, Danmarks Radio used a 300 kW longwave transmitter at another site until it went QRT in February of 2007. (Danmarks Radio)

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WORLDBEAT: FIVE PETITIONS TO STOP BUDGET CUTS TO RADIO NETHERLANDS

No fewer than five petitions against the upcoming budget cuts for Radio Netherlands Worldwide are currently making the rounds. This as announced by Iede de Vries of the Action Committee to avert the proposed financing cuts to the famed international broadcaster.

Employees of Radio Netherlands Worldwide Dutch service launched a petition several weeks ago against the management's plan to drastically reduce the station's Dutch activities in order to save 10 million euros a year. Last week a multilingual website was launched to get support from listeners and web users in other languages.

Now its become known that three more petitions have been launched. Mr. De Vries said that one is an initiative of former ambassadors of the Netherlands, while another has been launched by Dutch companies operating internationally. Both groups emphasize that Radio Netherlands Worldwide is important for the image of the Netherlands abroad.

Meantime, the Dutch Association of Journalists has also launched a petition among international news organizations. This one stresses in particular the role that Radio Netherlands Worldwide plays in promoting press freedom in the world.

The action committee is collecting the responses to the various petitions, and will hand these to the Lower House just before a vote on the cuts that was scheduled for June 27th. (Media Network)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: FALCONSAT 3 CREATES OVER 200 NEW HAMS

Turning to ham radio space related news, word that the US Air Force Academy FalconSat-3 satellite, launched in 2007, has resulted in over 200 academy students becoming licensed radio amateurs.

FalconSat-3 was put into orbit on March 9, 2007 by the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. It carries a 145 to 435 MHz digital store and forward transponder supporting data rates of 9k6, 38k4, or 76k8 running the pacsat file system so anyone with WiSP can copy telemetry.

Project OSCAR UK contacted Colorado Satellite to get the latest word on the satellite. They received an update below from Jim White who explained that the government band radios on Falcon-Sat-3 require a stable gravity gradient attitude to work properly. They have struggled with the attitude control since launch and it is not yet stable. Instead, the satellite is operating using its amateur band radios and as a result a large contingent of cadets and faculty from the Air Force Academy have obtained Amateur licenses.

White says that FalconSat-3 is presently on during most day and evening passes over the Air Force Academy with a very strong downlink on UHF.

He adds that when FalconSat-5 was launched about 6 months ago and there was some thought that FalconSat-3would move to fully amateur service. However FalconSat-3 has proven to be such a useful learning tool that the decision was made to operate it along with FalconSat-5. Unlike its predecessor, FalconSat 5 carries no Amateur equipment. (Southgate)

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DX

In DX, word that three S-V hams have announced plans for a VHF and UHF DXpedition to Crete. Using the call SY9VHF, the goal of the team from Greece is to operate from 50 through 1296 MHz plus a station on 10.368GHz. Modes will be SSB and CW. Operators so far are SV1BJY, SV8GKE and SV2HWR. Others may be added before the team takes to the air. Possible dates are June 29th to July 5th but that's not yet cast in concrete More information will follow shortly.

F4FUC will be active as J28UC from Djibouti starting in July and will continue through 2013. Operation will be on 40 through 10 meters using 100 watts into a vertical and a dipole. QSL via his home callsign.

SY2011BVM is a special event station in Greece that will be on the air through July 4th. This activity is to celebrate the Special Olympics Games in Athens. QSL via Bureau, eQSL or direct with a self addressed stamped envelope to SV7BVM.

ZR6DG and ZS6HB will be active as C92DG from the Timbavati Game Reserve in Tofo between July 14th and the 28th. Their operation will be on the High Frequency bands only. QSL via ZR6DG and look for photos of the operation to be posted on QRZ.com.

Lastly, six operators will be active from Guinea as 3XY1D between October 18th and November 1st. Operations will be on 160 through 6 meters using CW, SSB and the digital modes. One station will be exclusively dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via DL7DF, direct or via the bureau.

(Above from various DX News Sources)

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BREAK 3

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THAT FINAL ITEM: IT WAS A RILEY GOOD TIME IN PLANO

And finally this week, one could honestly say that the recent ARRL National Convention in Plano, Texas, could be billed as having been a Riley good show. Yes, we know that's kind of a play on words but we are saying because the special guest of honor was none other than retired FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. And speaking to a standing room only audience, Riley let the crowd in one some of the more fun methodology he used during his tenure as the regulatory agency's ham radio rules enforcer to quickly solve some problems before they became major headaches:

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K4ZDH: "This is one where I learned that a wife or a girlfriend can be the most effective enforcement tool that we have and that's why I often sent tapes out to the derelicts as we called them. There was a 50 percent chance that the wife would get the mail and the tapes. And she would say ".gee, what in this package." (And he would reply) ".Nothing, it just came from the FCC." (She) "Well, what are these tapes for?" And invariably, she is going to listen to them and you can close that case out within a few weeks." (Audience laughter)

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Riley then went on to tell of one case where his theory proved out better than expected:

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K4ZDH: ".This happened the first year of enforcement and the first year I used to get so aggravated about what the bands sound like that it would often sour our weekend.

"So one Friday I decided to call and try to resolve something before it ruined my weekend. I just had a gut feeling that we could get it resolved over the telephone. So I called down; the wife answered and I asked for so and so the amateur operator. She said he's not there but asked what this was about. So against my better judgment I told her what was going on about the interference, and some of the language and so forth and of the complaints.

"And there was a pause that Ill never forget. And then she said: "Well he gets home around 6. And I can guarantee you that after 6:15 tonight that you will never have this problem again." (Audience laughter)

"We never heard from or about that guy (again). (More laughter)"

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On a more serious note, K4ZDH took the time to praise two former young hams in the audience who have gone on to positions of leadership within the ham radio community:

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K4ZDH: "I finally have accepted that I get emotional about this topic and that's just the way it is so bear with me.

"11 year ago when I had the privilege of speaking to you at the Nutter Center in Dayton, I brought your attention to a 20 year old fellow named Brian.

"I first met Brian the year before in Albuquerque at a hamfest where he was teaching a class in (ham radio) Fox Hunting. You might notice that Fox Hunting is gaining international attention. I could tell at the time that he was a natural born teacher. I ran into him again at other places and he always impressed me.

"And at that dinner I said to take a good look at Brian and let's sincerely hope that the future of amateur radio is in the hands of people like Brian. If so, there's no doubt that Brian will do a better job of looking after our spectrum than we did. And I said to Brian, that when you are up on this stage 15 years from now that I hope that it isn't necessary, even one time, to use the term enforcement.

"And that same year an 11 year old girl named Andrea obtained an Amateur Radio License. And in the years after that I would often see her at ham (radio) events talking to youth groups and later becoming a contributing editor to QST magazine.

"In both these people I could see an enthusiasm for radio. And in the years afterward many times I privately hoped that they could become the future of amateur radio, but given the state of amateur radio at the time, it was a very far fetched wish.

"Well, we see that Brian Mileshosky is a League Director now for the Rocky Mountain Division and working for the Sandia National Labs.

"And we see that Andrea Hartlage is a Vice Director for the South-Eastern Division and that she is studying aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech. And if I embarrassed you its your own fault for being beautiful and smart. I can't control that" (Applause)

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Riley spoke and took questions from the audience for the better part of an hour. And what we saw and heard in Plano, Texas was really a new Riiley Hollingsworth. He was no longer just the man from the FCC reporting on the state of Part 97 rules enforcement. Rather he was there as one of us, to share his personal feelings about his love of amateur radio. The crowd truly treasured every word. And to be honest, so did we. (ARNewsline(tm))

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With thanks to Alan Labs, AMSAT, the ARRL, the CGC Communicator, CQ Magazine, the FCC, the Ohio Penn DX Bulletin, Radio Netherlands, Rain, the RSGB, the Southgate News and Australia's WIA News, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline(tm). Our e-mail address is Newsline (at) arnewsline (dot) org. More information is available at Amateur Radio Newsline's(tm) only official website located at www.arnewsline.org. You can also write to us or support us at Amateur Radio Newsline(tm), 28197 Robin Avenue, Santa Clarita California, 91350

And a reminder that the nominating period for the year 2011 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award closes at midnight on June 30th. As this newscast goes to air that's less than a week away.

As in years past, the 2011 recipient will receive an expense paid trip to the Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville Alabama courtesy of Vertex-Standard Corporation which produces Yaesu brand amateur radio gear. Vertex-Standard will also present this years winner with a

special ham radio related gift. CQ Magazine will again treat the recipient to a week at Spacecamp-Huntsville. We at Amateur Radio Newsline will present the winner with a plaque honoring his or her achievements.

All nominations and materials required by the official rules must be received by ARNewsline before June 30, 2011. A downloadable nominating form is at our website at www.arnewsline.org. A nominating form can also be obtained by sending a request along with a self addressed stamped envelope to the Young Ham of the Year Award in care of Amateur Radio Newsline, Inc. 28197 Robin Avenue, Santa Clarita California 91350.

Again, the cutoff date for these years Young Ham of the Year Award nominations to be postmarked is midnight your local time on June 30th. We ask you to do your part by nominating a young ham who has done something special related to ham radio. Again, the nominating form is at www.arnewsline.org

For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I'm Don Wilbanks in warm and rainey Southern Mississippi, saying 73 and we thank you for listening.

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